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LASHING
FORCES OF
NATURE IN
A RACE
AGAINST
TIME IN...

'STORM'

SEE!
THE GREAT
STALLION BATTLE
A GIANT RATTLESNAKE
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IN REDMAN'S JUSTICE

ACROSS THE WYOMING FRONTIER, MEN, RED AND WHITE, STIRRED RESTLESSLY ARMED AND LISTENING TO THE DEADLY WHISPERS OF THEIR MOUNTING TEMPS; ANOTHER SENTENCE, ANOTHER ACT OR WORD, AND RED WAR WOULD FLAME ACROSS WYOMING...



TOPAKAI, THE CHEYENNE BOY, LAY HELPLESS, AS THE HUGE DIAMOND BACK PREPARED TO STRIKE...



THEN BLACK JACK THUNDERED UP, HIS NEIGH A CLARION CALL OF FURY, HIS FLINT-HARD HOOF STRIKING WITH QUICK PRECISION!



BLACK JACK

YOU HAVE SAVED TOPAKI'S LIFE! IN ALL THE CHEYENNE VILLAGES THERE IS NO WAR-HORSE AS WONDERFUL AS YOU!



AT HIS MEAGER CAMP A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY, ROCKY LANE WHISTLED A SUMMONS TO HIS RONING STALLION!



CAN'T LET YOU WANDER AWAY TOO FAR, FELLOW! THIS MISSION WE'RE ON DON'T ALLOW FOR ANY WASTED TIME!



AS HE RODE, LANE'S MIND HARKED BACK TO HIS SUMMONS BY THE GOVERNOR...

I DON'T KNOW HOW IT STARTED, BUT THERE'LL BE A FULL-SCALE INDIAN WAR UNLESS IT'S STOPPED!



THAT'S YOUR MISSION, LANE... STOP THIS BEFORE THE FRONTIER ERUPTS! AND TRY TO FIND OUT WHO OR WHAT'S AT THE BOTTOM OF IT!

I'LL DO MY BEST, SIR!

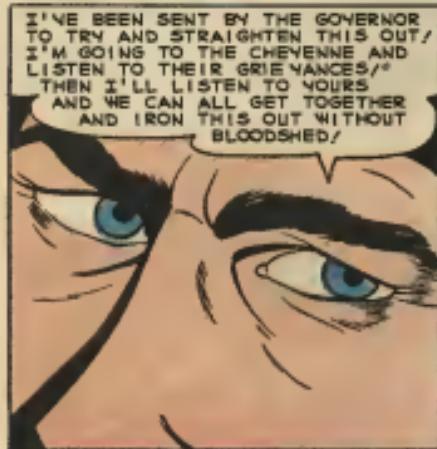


THE DAY AFTER HE HAD ARRIVED AT BUCKHORN, A TOWN ON THE EDGE OF CHEYENNE TERRITORY WHERE THE TROUBLE HAD BEGUN!

SMASH THE CHEYENNE! THEY STAND IN THE WAY OF PROGRESS! PUSH THE INJUNS OUT OF WYOMING!



BLACK JACK



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BLACK JACK

THIS IS THE MAN, CHIEF! HE HAS STIRRED UP THE WHITES AGAINST YOU AND NOW HE'S BEEN SENT TO TRICK YOU INTO PALAVER SO YOU'LL BE CAPTURED!



IT IS THIS MAN, CHANE, WHO'S BEEN STIRRING UP BOTH YOU AND THE WHITES TO MAKE WAR ON EACH OTHER!

YOU ARE A STRANGER/ CHANE, IS FRIEND TO THE INDIANS/ HIM WE BELIEVE!



HE SOLD US GUNS TO PROTECT OURSELVES FROM HIS BAD BROTHERS/ HE DID NOT TAKE MUCH GOLD FOR THIS SERVICE!

DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, CHIEF/ I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM!



IT WAS THEN THAT BLACK JACK STRUCK!



SHOOT/ SHOOT THIS CRAZY STALLION!

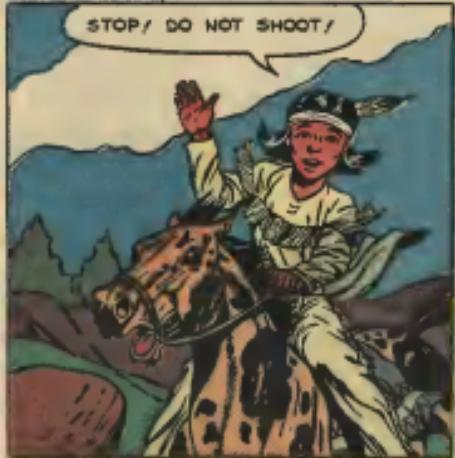


NO/ WAIT...LISTEN TO ME...

HURRY/ SHOOT!



BLACK JACK



FREE THIS MAN, THE MAN WHOM SUCH A GREAT HORSE CALLS MASTERS COULD NOT SPEAK WITH A FORKED TONGUE! SPEAK, WHITE-BROTHER-WHO'S-HORSE-SAVED-MY-SON!

YOU SAID YOU PAID CHANE FOR THE GUNS WE BROUGHT YOU WITH GOLD! WHERE DID THE GOLD COME FROM?

FROM AN ANCIENT MINE WHICH WE CHEYENNE HAVE USED FROM LONG AGO TO MINE GOLD FOR OUR ORNAMENTS! CHANE HAS SEEN THIS MINE!



THAT'S THE ANSWER! CHANE FIGURED BY STARTING AN INDIAN WAR, PRESSURE WOULD BE BROUGHT ON THE GOVERNMENT AGAINST THE INDIANS! THE CHEYENNE WOULD BE MOVED OFF THEIR LAND, AND HE, CHANE, COULD GET IN AND STAKE CLAIM TO THE MINE! HE'LL PAY FOR THIS...BEHIND BARS!



SON, I RECKON THE PEOPLE OF WYOMING, RED AND WHITE, ONE A BIGGER DEBT TO YOU AND BLACK JACK THAN THEY CAN EVER REPAY!



END

BLACK JACK



ROCKY LANE'S

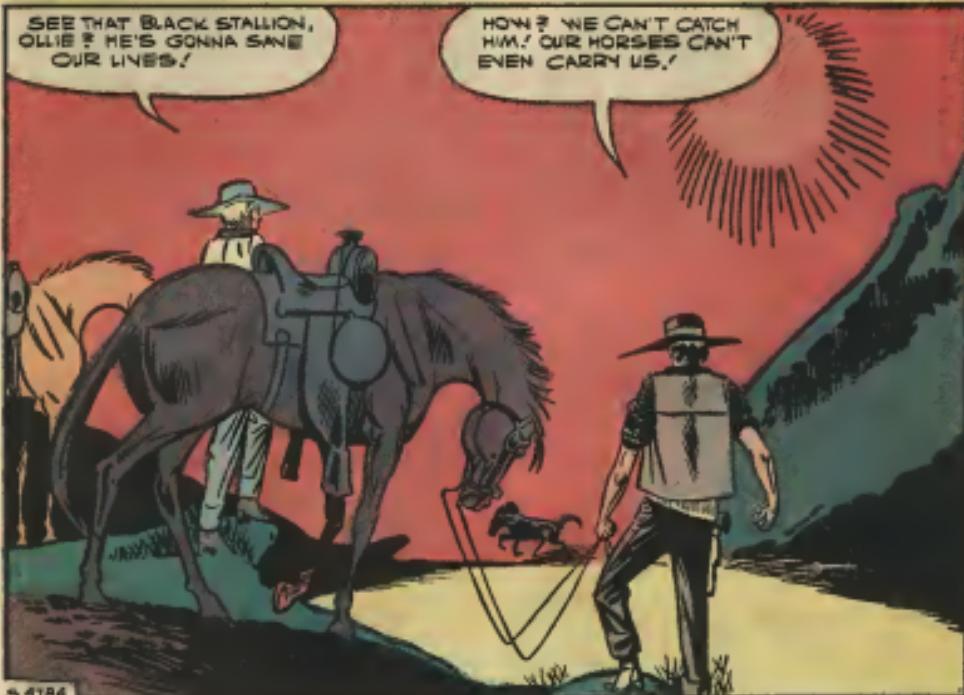
BLACK JACK

The LAST
WATERHOLE

BLACK JACK PICKED A BAD TIME FOR ONE OF HIS FREQUENT TRIPS BACK TO THE WILD HORSE COUNTRY SO DEAR TO THE STALLION -- A DROUGHT SQUEEZED THE COUNTRY IN AN IRON FIST -- ALL THE SPRINGS AND WATER HOLES WERE DRY EXCEPT ONE -- AND BLACK JACK HEADED STRAIGHT FOR IT, IGNORING THE MUD-CAKED HOLES THAT ONCE HELD SPARKLING WATER!

SEE THAT BLACK STALLION,
OLIE? HE'S GONNA SAVE
OUR LIVES!

HOW? WE CAN'T CATCH
HIM. OUR HORSES CAN'T
EVEN CARRY US!



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WE CAN'T TRY TUN MAKE IT TO TOWN! IT'S
TOO FAR -- BESIDES, WE'RE BOTH
WANTED FOR THAT STAGECOACH
JOB WE PILLED.



LEAD THE HORSES -- WE'LL NEED 'EM
LATER. / THAT STALLION KNOWS THERE'S
WATER UP AHEAD. / COME ON!



BLACK JACK

BLACK JACK FOUND A SMALL BUNCH OF MUSTANGS AT THE WATERHOLE -- THEY HAD PLENTY OF GRASS AND WATER...



DONE THEM MUSTANGS OUTA HERE -- THEY'LL JUST STIR UP THE WATER, MAKE IT TOO MUDDY TO DRINK.



BLACK JACK SAW THEM COMING -- HE RETREATED A SAFE DISTANCE, READY TO IGNORE THE MEN / THERE WAS ENOUGH WATER FOR ALL...

FIRE OVER THEIR HEADS! IF THEY DON'T RUN, SHOOT AT THEM.



THEY C'N TAKE A HINT, OLLIE / LOOK AT 'EM GO.



THAT COLT'S SPLASHIN' INTO THE WATER, OLLIE / USE YOUR LASSO T'K CHASE 'IM.



BLACK JACK

GO ON, SCAT! GET ANNA FROM THAT WATER...



THE FRIGHTENED COLT LOST HIS FOOTING AND WENT DOWN, MUDDYING THE WATER...

I'LL CHASE THE CRITTER! HE WON'T COME BACK, EITHER!

WHEEE



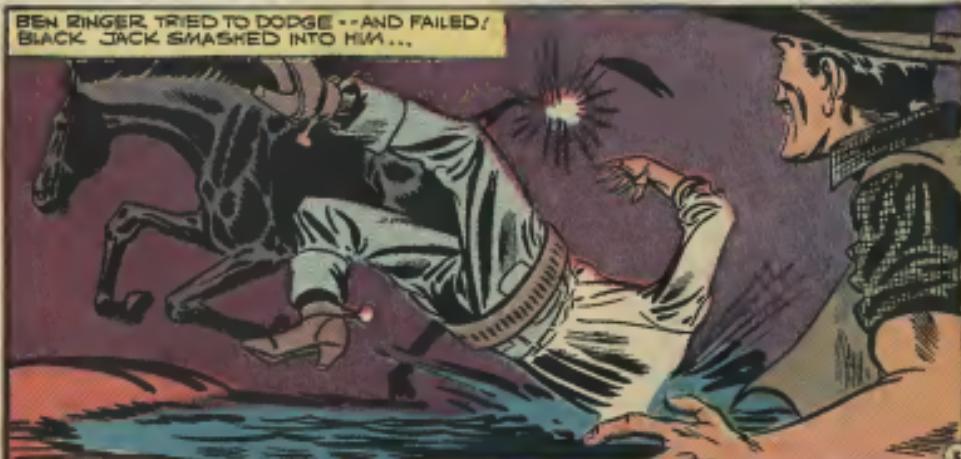
LOOK OUT, BEN! THAT BLACK DEVIL'S COMIN' FOR YAH!



SHOOT 'EM, OLLIE!
SHOOT 'EM!



BEN RINGER TRIED TO DODGE -- AND FAILED!
BLACK JACK SMASHED INTO HIM ...



BLACK JACK

OLIVE, I'LL FIX YUH
FOR THIS! SHOOT
THAT NAG!

NOT ME, BEN! HE'S
NOT A NAG -- HE'S
THE BEST HORSE
I EVER SAW!



BEN RINGER COULDN'T MOVE IN TIME! HE
WATCHED THE STALLION COME AT HIM,
HEAD SNAKED OUT TOWARD HIM, JAWS
GAPING...

GIT AWAY FROM ME!
GO ON, GIT!



I'LL FIX YUH, OLIE --
I'LL GET EVEN
WITH THIS DEVIL
TOO!



WELL, I'LL BE A SHEEPHERDER, IF
THAT DON'T BEAT ALL! HE'S
TAKIN' YORE GUN!



FUMING WITH RAGE, BEN RINGER LEAPED
AT HIS PARTNER -- THE PUNCH HE THREW
LANDED HARD ...



WHAT' RE YUH
GONNA DO, BEN?
LISTEN, BEN,
CALM DOWN!

SHUT UP! NOTHIN' GETS
THE BEST OF ME --
I'M GONNA FIX THAT
HORSE RIGHT NOW!



BLACK JACK

THE OWLHOOITER THRENN A SHOT AT BLACK JACK! HE WAS SHAKING WITH RAGE -- AND MISSED...



BEN, IF YUH SHOOT THAT HORSE, ROCKY LANE'LL FIND YUH NO MATTER WHERE YUH RUN / HE'LL BLAME ME TOO / I'M GONNA TAKE THAT GUN BACK RIGHT NOW!



DON'T INTERFERE, OLLIE! I'D SHOOT MY PARD AS QUICK AS I'D...

I'M NOT YORE PARTNER ANY MORE, BEN...



THE HORSE MOVED WITHOUT A SOUND, COMING UP ON THE CRAZED OUTLAW FROM THE REAR / HE LEAPED JUST AS BEN STARTED TO SQUEEZE THE TRIGGER ...



WHAT'RE YUH GONNA DO, OLLIE?

WE'RE GOIN' BACK, BEN / I'M GONNA STAND TRIAL AN' TAKE MY PUNISHMENT-- WHEN I GET OUT, I'LL STAY A LONG WHE FROM GUYS LIKE YOU!



BLACK JACK

YOU WON'T GET ME

MY DAD MUST'VE HAD A HUNCH WHICH WAY I WAS HEADED WHEN I WAS STILL IN MY TEENS--HE WARNED ME THEN THAT THE LAW ALWAYS CAME OUT ON TOP! HE TOLD ME I WOULDN'T HAVE A CHANCE IF I EVER PULLED ANYTHING CROOKED! IT DIDN'T KEEP ME HONEST... HIS ADVICE ONLY MADE ME MORE CAREFUL! THE SAFE IN THE CARTA BANK WAS EASY FOR ME!

NO ONE SAW IT--EVEN IF THEY DID, THEY WON'T FIND ANY EVIDENCE IN THERE! IT'LL GET AWAY WITH THIS FOR SURE!



I HAD PLANNED WELL, I WAS MOUNTED ON A FAST HORSE THAT CARRIED ME A LONG WAY FROM TOWN BY DAWN...

NO ONE'S IN SIGHT, WITH A FRESH HORSE, I'LL BE IN ANOTHER STATE BY NOON!



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BLACK JACK

I WAITED A LONG TIME TO
MAKE MY MOVE--IT PAID OFF
BIGS!



I PUSHED THE HORSE, STAYING OFF THE
ROADS, PICKING HARD GROUND THAT
WOULDN'T SHOW TRACKS! I WASN'T
WORRIED...

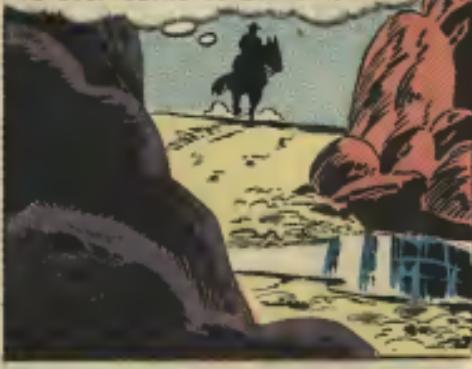
I'VE GOT SEVENTY
THOUSAND IN THE BAG! WHEN I GET
TO LOOMIS, I'LL SWITCH IDENTITIES!
THEY KNOW ME THERE AS A CATTLE
BUYER!



I'LL USE MOST OF THE MONEY TO
CLOSE THE DEAL ON THAT HERD I
LOOKED AT TWO WEEKS AGO! THE
LAW'LL BE LOOKIN' FOR A GENT
TOTING A LOT OF CASH, LIVING
HIGH ON HIS STOLEN MONEY!



THEY WON'T SUSPECT A PROSPEROUS
CATTLE BUYER WITH FIVE THOUSAND
HEAD OF CATTLE! NO ONE'S BACK
THERE ON MY TRAIL. I'VE GOT
TO STOP BEING SO JITTERY!



I HAD A
SUITE
ALREADY
RENTED
IN THE
RATTLE-
TRAP
HOTEL IN
LOOMIS!
THE
CLERK
KNEW
ME, OF
COURSE.

HERE'S YOUR KEY,
MR. CLEVIS!



HAVE THE BOY TAKE MY
HORSE TO THE LIVERY
STABLE, PLEASE!

BLACK JACK

I'M RICH! I'LL NEVER HAVE TO WORK AGAIN! WITH THIS MONEY TO GIVE ME A START, I'LL BUILD UP A FUTURE!



IT'S ALL MINE! THEY'LL NEVER GET IT BACK, EITHER!



I PLANNED EVERY MOVE PERFECTLY! THERE'S NOT ONE SINGLE CLUE THAT WILL LEAD THE LAWMEN TO ME!

THIS CRITTER LOOKS FAMILIAR! I KNOW! JIM CLAGGET SOLD IT TO A HORSE TRADER OVER IN CARTA!



EVERY MOVE I MADE HAD BEEN CAREFULLY PLANNED! THE RANCHER WHO WAS SELLING ME THE HERD ARRIVED THE NEXT MORNING TO MAKE THE SALE!

I'VE GOT THE BEEF AT THE SHIPPIN' PENS! FIVE THOUSAND HEAD O' CATTLE AT FOURTEEN BUCKS A HEAD COME TO SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS!



IT'S HERE--IN CASH, MISTER! SIGN THAT BILL OF SALE!

YES, SIR! I NEVER SAW THAT MUCH CASH IN MY LIFE BEFORE!



HE SIGNED THE PAPERS--THEN HE WAS GONE, THE MONEY WITH HIM! THE LAST CLUE THAT MIGHT CONNECT ME WITH THE ROBBERY WAS GONE!

HE PAID YOU IN CASH, BILL? MEN JUST DON'T CARRY THAT MUCH AROUND!



BLACK JACK

I WAS DOING MY JOB--I HAD THE RAIL-ROAD CARS AT THE SIDING WITH ORDERS TO START LOADING--WHEN I GOT THERE, THEY WERE ALL ABOARD!

THERE'S FIVE THOUSAND CRITTERS ABOARD THE CARS, MR. CLEVIS!

I'VE GOT A BUYER FOR THEM IN KANSAS CITY--HE'LL PAY TWENTY-TWO DOLLARS A HEAD FOR THEM THERE! I'M HEADING' FOR THE TOP--NOTHIN' WILL STOP ME NOW!



I RODE IN THE CABOOSE WITH THE TRAINMEN--I WANTED TO BE WITH THE HERD UNTIL THE SALE WAS COMPLETED!

YOU'RE GONNA BE A MIGHTY RICH MAN, MR. CLEVIS!

THE HARDEST PART WAS GETTING THE CASH TO SWING THE FIRST DEAL!



A SMART MAN WOULD BE A FOOL TO STEAL WHEN MONEY IS THIS EASY TO MAKE! OF COURSE, I HAD TO THAT FIRST TIME... BUT THAT'S PAST NOW!



ONCE I HAD THE MONEY TO WORK WITH, I WAS ALL SET! I'M SHARP--I'LL MAKE GOOD IN THIS BUSINESS!



THERE WERE THINGS I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THEN, OF COURSE--THINGS THE BANKER BACK IN LOOMIS DID KNOW!

CLEVIS DIDN'T HAVE TO PAY YOU IN CASH--THE USUAL PRACTICE IS FOR A CATTLE DEALER TO GIVE A NOTE--HE HAS THIRTY DAYS TO PAY! WHERE DID CLEVIS GET THE CASH?



BLACK JACK

EVERYTHING WENT LIKE CLOCKWORK FOR ME--THE BUYER WAS WAITING IN THE STOCKYARDS AND HE HAD A BIG, FAT CHECKBOOK READY!

I'LL CLOSE THE DEAL RIGHT NOW, CLEVIS! I'LL GIVE YOU A CHECK YOU CAN DEPOSIT BACK IN LOOMIS, YOUR HOME TOWN!



I TRIED TO ACT COOL WHILE THAT MONEY WAS BEING COUNTED OUT...



CLEVIS IS A FAKE--I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND BUT I'M GOING TO WIRE LOOMIS AND FIND OUT ABOUT HIM!



NO DICE, MISTER! I'LL GO TO THE BANK WITH YOU--YOU WITHDRAW THE MONEY--ONE HUNDRED AND TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS LESS THE FREIGHT CHARGES FOR GETTING THE CATTLE HERE! COME ON!



NO ONE'LL HOLD ME UP IF THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE THINKING! I CAN USE THIS--I WILL IF I HAVE TO!



I FIGURED MY WORRIES WERE OVER--I HAD A HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND BIG IDEAS HOW TO DOUBLE IT, TRIPLE IT!

I'LL BUY MORE CATTLE--I'D BETTER GO TO LOOMIS, THEY KNOW ME THERE NOW!



BLACK JACK

I DIDN'T KNOW THAT THE LAW HAD
BEGUN IT'S WORK IN CARTA MINUTES
AFTER MY DYNAMITE SHATTERED THE
BANK! NO ONE HAD SEEN ME...BUT THE
HORSE HAD BEEN RECOGNIZED!

THAT HORSE WAS ONE OF TWO
SOLD TO A GENT NAMED CLEVE
MARTIN! I'D KNOW IT ANYWHERE!



I DIDN'T KNOW ANY OF THAT AS I GOT
OFF THE TRAIN, BACK IN LOOMIS ONCE
MORE! I HAD A SATCHEL FULL OF CASH
AND BIG PLANS!

OH, CLEVIS--THE
DEPUTY SHERIFF WANTS
TO SEE YOU!



I'VE GOT NOTHING TO FEAR!
THEY CAN'T PIN A THING
ON ME!



NO ONE HAD GOTTEN A GOOD LOOK AT ME
THAT NIGHT--SO THEY LOOKED FOR THE
HORSES!

I SAW THAT SECOND
HORSE YOU MENTIONED, SHERIFF/
OVER IN LOOMIS, JUST YESTERDAY/
IT WAS IN THE LIVERY STABLE
CORRAL!



HE WANTS TO SEE
ME? WHAT ABOUT?

HE DIDN'T TELL
ME--YOU'D BETTER
FIND OUT!



I WAS READY TO CONTINUE MY ACT--
TILL I SAW THE HORSE TIED AT THE
RACK OUTSIDE THE LARMAN'S OFFICE!

THEY KNOW! IT'S A TRAP--
BUT THEY WON'T GET ME!

SHE
OFF



BLACK JACK

MY OTHER HORSE IS IN THE CORRAL/ I'LL BE OUT OF HERE IN TEN MINUTES!



I DIDN'T WANT TO RUN THE HORSE-- THAT WOULD ATTRACT ATTENTION/ I WAS TAKING MY TIME WHEN SOMEONE SPOTTED ME!



KEEP AWAY FROM ME!



STOP HIM! I WANT TO TALK TO THAT MAN!



I WASN'T THINKING... JUST RUNNING/ I WAS SURE I STILL HAD A CHANCE TO GET AWAY WITH THE MONEY!

YOU WON'T GET ME--NO ONE WILL!



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SILVER CASTLE

Don Pedro Alvarez looked at the small chairs in the office of Sheriff Ben Nelson. Then very quietly he moved two of the chairs together and sat down. They said that Don Pedro was probably the largest man in his section of the country on the other side of the Rio Grande. Then he smiled at the sheriff.

"Next time I come I will give you a present of a chair. I shall have it made for you. Now we talk about business."

"About the business that is known in every part of this county," sighed the sheriff. "If it had only been possible to keep it a secret then you wouldn't have had this headache."

"That is true," admitted the wealthy Mexican. "But we say that there are no secrets. The birds, the fish in the water, the flowers in the field, all watch us. So they all know that I am going to bring 300,000 silver pesos back with me. And I know what a tempting bait that silver is to people. Especially to your Max Kittner and his band of outlaws."

Sheriff Nelson arose from his chair. It was a bright sunny day in Higgins Falls. He glanced out of the window. The streets seemed deserted.

"I'll be back within fifteen minutes," he told Don Pedro. "I will see if he will take the assignment."

Slowly the sheriff walked out of his office. Then he turned south and walked a short distance to the Higgins Hotel. He walked up three short steps and then entered the lobby. In the corner he spotted a young man, wearing a blue shirt, alone at a table. Randy Russell was concentrating on playing a game of chess with himself. There were only two other men in town who played that game — Doc Jelby and George Hubber. Almost on tiptoe the sheriff came up to the table.

"So Don Pedro sent you to hire me to protect that shipment of pesos. The United States Mint obliged by turning them out for the Mexican government. They will be used to purchase land and divide it up among the Indians. Only trouble is that those pesos must reach the other side of the border," remarked the young man. "Almost like a game of chess. I have to figure out how to outwit Max Kittner. He'd stop at nothing to get his hands on all of that silver."

"Got a plan?" asked the sheriff.

Randy Russell lifted a castle from the board and held it in his right hand for a few seconds. Then he replaced it on the board. He arose and sighed.

"I can move my castle only in a straight line. Just like the situation we face when we go through Cayo Canyon. That is how we have to move the mules that will carry the silver. Max Kittner knows the play. He will be waiting to pick us off from his little rock like fortresses behind the boulders."

Saying that, the young man took the pieces off the chess board and placed them in a box. Then he walked to the office desk and left them there. He and the sheriff returned to the office where Don Pedro was waiting.

"You will protect me?" said the big man from Mexico.

"You will have forty armed men with you," grinned Randy Russell. "But when the shooting begins they will all run. And why not? Who wants to stand and be blasted to pieces. But those men if they fought back could be more than a match for Max Kittner and his small group. My price is five thousand dollars for myself. I will need expense money — not more than two thousand dollars. I have an idea from chess. It should work."

Half an hour later, Randy Russell was in the General Store of the town. Edith Bond came over to wait personally on the man she liked.

"The whole town knows about you Don Pedro," she began. "I don't think you can get that caravan through to the border."

"It really doesn't make much difference what you think," he scolded her gently. "I am here on business. I want every bit of canvas you have in the place. Tonight a wagon will call for it. And I shall be there."

That was all he said and he left the store before she could even reply. Edith got angry.

"Some day I'll lose my temper at that man," she half shouted.

"And then what?" asked her father who had heard every word of the conversation from behind the thin partition and who had now come from his office. "My money is on Randy."

It was late that night when the wagon came for the canvas. It took the material to a distant abandoned house where a group of Mexican women were waiting. Two Mexicans unloaded

the wagon. A middle-aged woman greeted the famous man of the southwest.

"We are all here, Señor Russell," she began. "And we will work on the material you are bringing."

"Everything must be ready within a week," replied Randy Russell. "I have the patterns drawn on paper. You will follow them."

"It is a good idea," commented Señora Regonta. "I only wish I could be present to see what happens when the fighting begins."

A week later the caravan left Higgins Falls. The silver pesos had been brought under guard to the strong vault of the bank. Then they were transferred to heavy leather sacks and attached to the backs of the mules. The armed men looked like a perfectly strong guard capable of fighting anybody who wanted to try to gain possession of those pesos.

The caravan instead of going straight south, went to the west, and there they camped during the night. A large wagon arrived, and with it were some men. One of them, Joe Darney, spoke to Don Pedro.

"Randy will meet us in the morning. This is some idea. We hope it works!"

Cayo Canyon was about six miles in length. Max Kittner had picked the perfect spot for himself and his men. They would be protected by the boulders. In almost absolute safety they could pick off the armed guards, but Max was a bit worried.

"Could it be that Randy Russell has figured out some way of really getting those silver laden mules through this canyon?" he remarked to Mike Harpers.

"Not unless they are invisible," laughed Mike. "We watch them come right within our rifle sights. And if you look down there you can see a cloud of dust. Something tells me we won't have to wait long until those mules come into view."

The caravan was proceeding slowly. The armed Mexicans were a bit nervous. The shooting would begin any minute. This American Randy Russell was going to try something different. And if it worked, there would be a story

to tell all the machachos on the other side of the border, about the Americano who played chess and figured out his moves on the chess board.

Then suddenly a volley of shots rang out. Not a Mexican went down! They just continued to guide the mules as though nothing had happened. Each was dressed in a long canvas gown and a canvas hood. Sure, the weather was warm, but that was what they were wearing.

Again another volley of shots rang out. The caravan continued on its way. The mules heard the shots but the firm hands of their guides kept them in check.

"Something is wrong," shouted Mike to Max. "We shoot right at them and nothing happens. Just as if the bullets were bouncing off them!"

In anger, Mike raised himself away from the protection of the boulders. That was exactly what sharpshooter Joe Darney was waiting for. A well aimed bullet found its mark and Mike fell to the ground. Onward went the silver caravan. There was a terrible feeling of fear gripping Max and the rest of his men. So near was that prize of silver, and yet they couldn't touch it. Max became careless for a second and a bullet found him. Then his men lost control of themselves. How can you fight against people who laugh at bullets. They broke and ran! In five minutes it was all over.

There was great rejoicing and a big dance was held at the hacienda of Don Pedro. The silver pesos had all arrived intact.

"What a story we shall all tell," said Don Pedro. "And we shall have the proof. How you had the women make those canvas coats for my guards and for the mules, and lined them with the silver pesos. They were like armor! The bullets couldn't go through any of those coats. We shall keep the dented pesos to exhibit your intelligence."

"We could go only one way," smiled Randy Russell. "My castle went straight ahead, and it was well fortified with silver pesos for protection."

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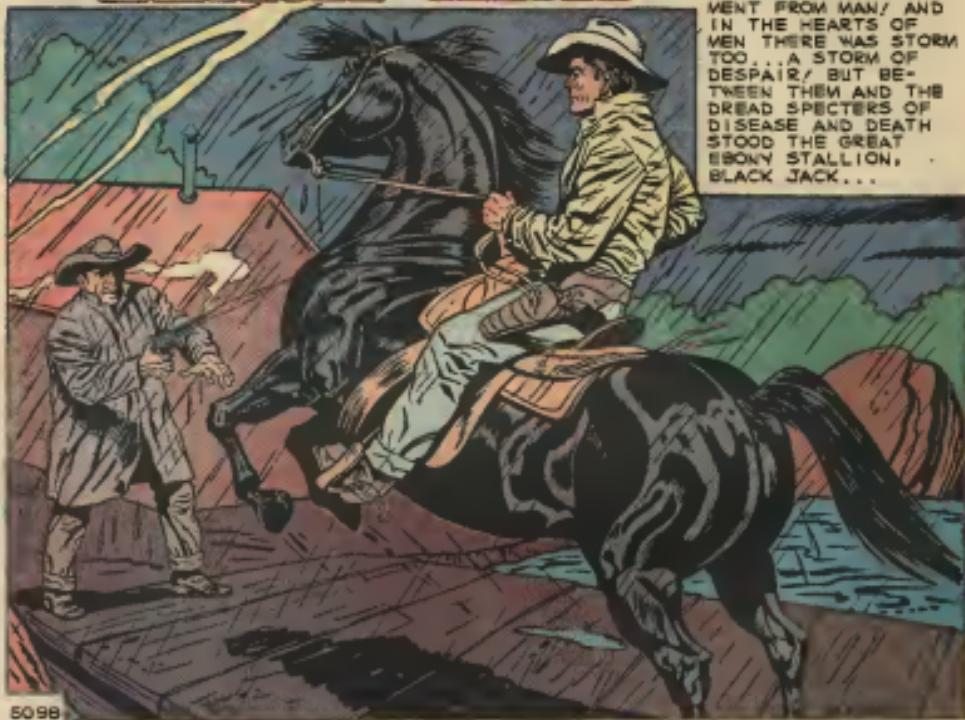


ROCKY LANE'S

BLACK JACK

STORM

STORMS LASHED THE COUNTRY, NATURE IN ITS FURY TAKING PAYMENT FROM MAN, AND IN THE HEARTS OF MEN THERE WAS STORM TOO... A STORM OF DESPAIR! BUT BETWEEN THEM AND THE DREAD SPECTERS OF DISEASE AND DEATH STOOD THE GREAT EBONY STALLION, BLACK JACK...



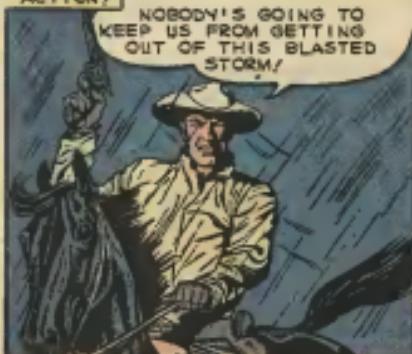
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ROCKY LANE HAD RIDDEN MANY MILES THROUGH THE STORM! NOW A MAN AND A GUN STOOD BETWEEN HIM AND SHELTER AND COMFORT/ ANGER PUSHED HIM TO RECKLESS ACTION!

Nobody's going to keep us from getting out of this blasted storm!

DROP THAT GUN!

I wasn't tryin' to hit yuh, mister! I was only tryin' to warn yuh to ride on, but now it's too late!



BLACK JACK

HE MEANS NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE YOU CAN'T LEAVE! I'M DR. HARDING! AND IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, YOU'RE MARSHAL LANE AND THAT'S YOUR FAMOUS HORSE, BLACK JACK!



YOU'RE NOT MISTAKEN! BUT I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND!

COME INSIDE AND YOU WILL!



SMALLPOX! A PARTICULARLY VIRULENT STRAIN! I'VE HAD TO QUARANTINE THE TOWN! NO ONE CAN ENTER AND NO ONE WHO HAS ENTERED CAN LEAVE! WORST OF ALL, WE HAVE NO SERUM!



THERE'S A HOSPITAL IN CHEYENNE HAS PLENTY OF SERUM, BUT THE STORM SMASHED THE TELEGRAPH WIRES SO WE CAN'T CONTACT THEM!

I'LL RIDE TO CHEYENNE AND GET THE SERUM!



YOU CAN'T! ANYONE WHO ENTERS ELLTON COULD IMMEDIATELY BECOME CONTAGIOUS! IF YOU LEFT YOU COULD SPREAD THE CONTAGION WHEREVER YOU GO!

ALL RIGHT, I'VE GOT ANOTHER IDEA! HE'LL SEND BLACK JACK WITH A NOTE! A HORSE CAN'T CARRY THE CONTAGION, CAN HE?



NO! BUT HOW WILL HE KNOW WHAT YOU WANT OF HIM?

HE'LL KNOW! HE KNOWS DOC LEWIS IN CHEYENNE! I'LL COMMAND HIM TO GO TO DOC AND HE WILL!



BLACK JACK

ROCKY REMOVED BLACK JACK'S SADDLE AND BRIDLE AND LASHED HIS SADDLE-BAGS TIGHTLY TO THE BIG BLACK..... INSIDE THE SADDLE-BAGS HE PUT THE NOTE/

THE STORM...WE'LL NEVER GET THROUGH THE STORM/

IF ANYTHING OR ANYBODY CAN GET THROUGH, HE WILL/ GO TO DOC, BLACK JACK! FIND DOC, FELLOW! GO ON!

HIS FLYING HOOF DRUMMED THUNDER FROM THE BRIDGE/ THEN HE WAS AWAY INTO THE THICK OF THE STORM, THE TORN VANISHING BEHIND HIM!



HE HAD BEEN COMMANDED TO GO TO DOC/ HE KNEW DOC, FRIEND TO BOTH HIM AND HIS MASTER, AND HE KNEW WHERE HE WOULD FIND DOC/ THROUGH THE PELTING, ICY RAIN HE RACED TOWARD CHEYENNE/

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BLACK JACK

FOR A MOMENT THE STORM SEEMED TO WAIT, POISED, WATCHING TO SEE IF IT HAD SUCCEEDED IN STOPPING THE BIG BLACK!



THERE WAS A RIVER TO CROSS, SWOLLEN AND RAGING! BLACK JACK PLUNGED IN WITHOUT HESITATION!



THE GALLANT HORSE SUMMONED ALL THE GREAT STRENGTH THAT WAS IN HIS HEART AND BODY! WITH A TREMENDOUS EFFORT HE LUNGED FORWARD ONTO THE OPPOSITE BANK!



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HOURS PASSED, THE STORM SCREAMED IN IMPORTANT FURY AS THE GREAT HORSE SURMOUNTED EVERY OBSTACLE, THEN, THROUGH THE SCREEN OF STORM, THE BUILDINGS OF CHEYENNE LOOMED!



BLACK JACK

THE MARSHAL'S HORSE WAS WELL KNOWN IN CHEYENNE AND WITHIN MINUTES DOC LEWIS WAS SUMMONED AND FOUND AND READ THE NOTE /

AN ERRAND OF MERCY, EH, BLACK JACK? WE'LL FILL THOSE SADDLEBAGS WITH SERUM, FRONTO, AND YOU CAN GET BACK TO ELKTON /

MINUTES LATER BLACK JACK SLAMMED AWAY FROM CHEYENNE WITH THE LIFE-GIVING SERUM IN HIS SADDLEBAGS /



THE STORM HOWLED AND SENT WOLVES, CRAZED BY FEAR, INTO THE PATH OF THE RACING STEED /



SO THE STORM AND THE HORSE STRUGGLED AGAINST EACH OTHER AND, IN THE END THE GREAT HEART AND WILL OF THE GALLANT STALLION WON! SPENT AND WEARY HE LIMPED INTO ELKTON /

HE MADE IT / HE DID IT /

MOST AMAZING THING I EVER HEARD OF /



HERE IT IS! BLACK JACK, YOU'VE EARNED MORE THAN THAT! HE'S EARNED THE FEED AND STALL THIS TOWN CAN PRIDE!

HE'S EARNED MORE THAN THAT! HE'S EARNED THE THANKS AND PRAISE OF EVERY HUMAN BEING IN ELKTON!



IT WAS AS THOUGH THE STORM UNDERSTOOD, GROWLING, IT WITHDREW AND VANISHED INTO LIMBO AND THE MORNING'S SUN LOOKED DOWN UPON A LAND WASHED AND NEW /

THE EPIDEMIC IS BEATEN! THE SERUM DID IT... THE SERUM AND THAT GRAND HORSE! MARSHAL, SOME OF US TOWN ELDERS HAVE MET AND DECIDED TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THIS TOWN! FROM NOW ON IT WILL BE KNOWN AS THE TOWN OF BLACK JACK /



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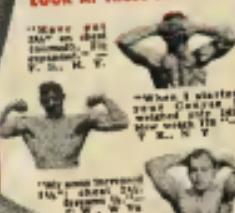
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